

The Connecticut  
Department  
of Correction



Remember Our Troops

# P.R.I.D.E.

Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence

## AT WORK



## Paying Tribute to Our Troops

Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, during a recent visit to the Middle East, met with American troops stationed in the region, as well as U.S. military commanders, diplomats and senior foreign officials. Lieberman visited Israel, Jordan and Iraq. During his stop in Iraq, Lieberman spent time with soldiers from the 143rd Area Support Group of the Connecticut National Guard. About 80 members of the Unit are serving there, providing air transport and property management support.



(L-R) Officer Herbert Perryman of Enfield CI,  
Senator Joseph Lieberman and Lt. Richard  
Mahoney of Northern CI

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## From the Commissioner

At the time I am writing this, our agency is directed by the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut to conduct the execution of Inmate Michael Ross on January 26, 2005. We are fully prepared to comply with this mandate, and it is my expectation that we will carry out this order in a humane, efficient and professional manner. Regardless of our personal



feelings on capital punishment, it is our responsibility as an agency to carry out our state laws and court orders. Because I can appreciate the mix of feelings that staff may personally have regarding this issue, one of my conditions for anyone involved with the process is that it is volunteer participation and not mandated as a job requirement. It is also my direction that employees, who by virtue of their employment are troubled by this event, will have access to our Employee Assistance Program. I wish to recognize the many staff who are engaged in this extensive process, and commend them for their continued commitment to our agency motto-PRIDE.

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### Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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About and for  
correctional  
professionals

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# Troops, Cont'd

"Morale is high," Lieberman said. "They're serving with a real sense of purpose and proud of what they are doing. They are contributing in a difficult circumstance to a historic transformation."

**The following are excerpts from correspondences received from employees who are currently deployed overseas:**

**Lt. Richard Mahoney of Northern CI** sends greetings from Baghdad Iraq.... "I am currently stationed at the US Embassy in Baghdad, the Republican Palace. Senator Lieberman paid a visit to our unit this week (143 Area Support Group, Newington, CT). Herbert Perryman, Correction Officer at Enfield CI, and I had our photo taken with him. I thought that the photo could be used in P.R.I.D.E. Both of us will be stationed here for at least ten more months. We are working in the Joint Area Support Group which supports the International Zone and the US Ambassadors mission in Iraq. My E-Mail address is: [richard.mahoney@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:richard.mahoney@iraq.centcom.mil) and I thank all of you for your prayers, kind thoughts and well-wishes."

**Lt. Jeff Suprenant of Osborn CI**, recently wrote from Tikirt... "I just wanted to drop a line and let you know that we are finally in Iraq. We flew in a C130 to Iraq. The trip was an experience. We are staying in a Palace compound in Tikirt. Our housing was one of Sadaam Hussein's beach houses. The scene is so beautiful, the beach house is on the water, that at times we almost forget that we are in the middle of a war zone. That is until the mortar hits and reality quickly sets back in. We have three other operation bases that fall under our units' jurisdiction. One of our units recently experienced a bomb attack in Mosul. My current unit is comprised of thirteen soldiers, eleven agents and two support staff. My E-Mail is [Jeffrey.Suprenant@US.Army.Mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Suprenant@US.Army.Mil). I hope all is well and give my best to the Department. "



(Above) Lt. Jeff Suprenant of Osborn CI takes time out to fish while in Iraq. Background: Sadaam Hussein's beach house, which is being used to house U.S. Troops.

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# Connecticut State Employees Campaign 2004

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The Connecticut State Employee's Campaign for Charitable Giving (CESC) Results are in. This year the Department of Correction raised \$150,588. 1,263 staff members donated to the CESC.

The Traveling Trophy Award for 2004 was awarded to Osborn CI. They raised \$13,511 and had 106 staff members donate to the Campaign. This was an increase of \$7,630 over their total from last year. Congratulations to Warden David Strange and his facility coordinator Captain Eric Stewart for their outstanding efforts.

A special Thank You to all who supported the Campaign and especially to those who gave.



(Above) Commissioner Lantz presents the Traveling Trophy Award to Warden David Strange of Osborn CI. The award is presented to the facility that had the greatest increase in giving from the previous year.

## Department of Correction Connecticut State Employees Campaign Contest Results -2004

Standing	Most Money Raised	% Participation	Greatest Increase In Giving over Last Year by:	GOAL BUSTERS Award For exceeding goal by:
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>\$18,695</b> Hartford CC C/O James Kanios C/O JoAnna Marone	<b>48%</b> Gates CI Lt. Randy Dossat CC Kim Benoit	<b>\$7,630</b> Osborn CI Capt. Eric Stewart	<b>\$4,208</b> Northern Lt. Robert Hoffman Lt. Tim Newton
<b>SECOND</b>	<b>\$15,391</b> Gates CI Lt. Randy Dossat CC Kim Benoit	<b>35.1%</b> New Haven CC Lt. Phil Costanzo Lt. Rocco Sweat	<b>\$5,861</b> Northern Lt. Robert Hoffman Lt. Tim Newton	<b>\$3,391</b> Gates CI Lt. Randy Dossat CC Kim Benoit
<b>THIRD</b>	<b>\$13,511</b> Osborn CI Capt. Eric Stewart	<b>33.1%</b> Hartford CI C/O James Kanios C/O JoAnna Marone	<b>\$5,443</b> Gates CI Lt. Randy Dossat CC Kim Benoit	<b>\$1,811</b> Osborn CI Capt. Eric Stewart
<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>\$11,804</b> Manson YI MAJ Melvin Wells Capt. Brian Evelich SST Mary McCoy Sec. Breina Schain	<b>32.3%</b> Enfield CI C Dee Staub C/O K. Silverstein SST Katie Hannon	<b>\$4,380</b> Enfield CI CC Dee Staub C/O K. Silverstein SST Katie Hannon	<b>\$ 926</b> Enfield CI CC Dee Staub C/O K. Silverstein SST Katie Hannon
<b>FIFTH</b>	<b>\$10,742</b> Bridgeport CC C/O Lois Pacheco Sec II Pam Neuendorf	<b>25.8%</b> Bridgeport CC C/O Lois Pacheco Sec II Pam Neuendorf	<b>\$2,242</b> Corrigan/Radgowski CI CFSS Richard Geer OA Charlene Baskerville	

# Taking the Plunge

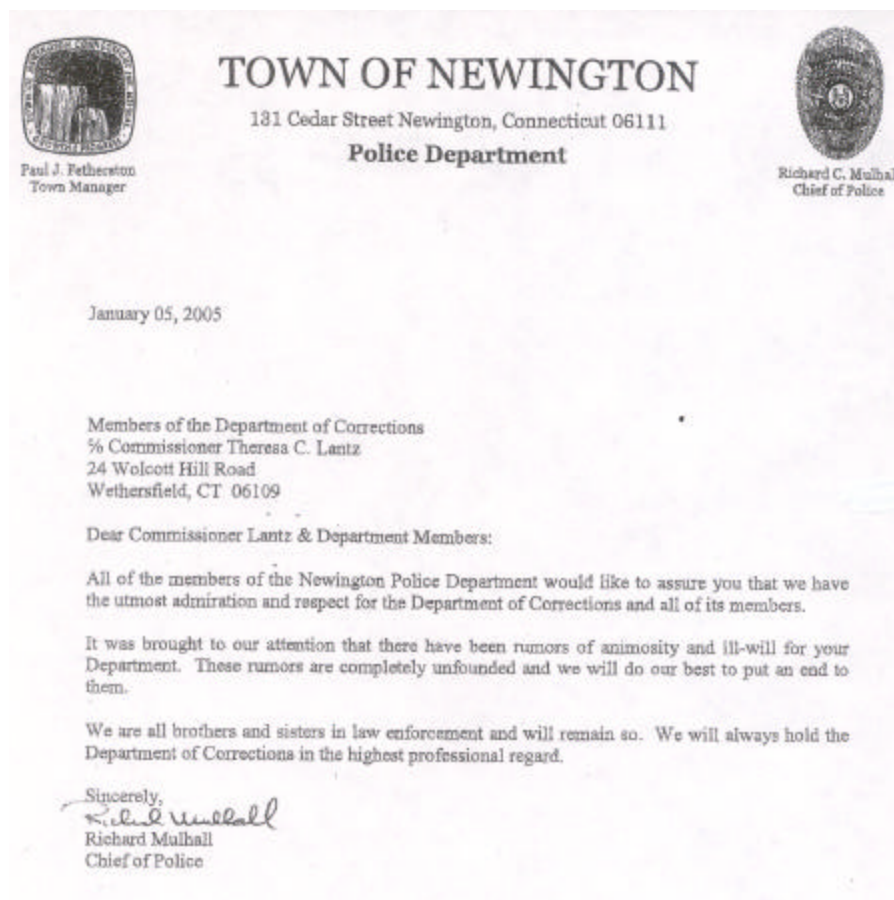
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On Saturday December 4th, staff from the New Haven CC participated in the Annual Penguin Plunge. This event is held each year and it benefits the Connecticut Special Olympics. The skies were sunny that day, but the temperature only hovered around 35 degrees. The water temperature was a cool 45 degrees at the East Haven Town Beach. All staff members involved won a prize for staying in the frigid water the longest of any of the other penguins. A total of \$594 was raised and donated on behalf of the Connecticut Department of Correction.



## Brothers and Sisters

*Below is a letter sent to Commissioner Theresa Lantz, addressing the death of Officer Peter Lavery of the Newington Police Department.*



## Around the cell block



**Florida-** A judge has ruled that the state can charge a monthly \$4 banking fee to the state's 80,000 inmates.



**England-** The Prison Service is trying to determine how a high visibility inmate jump suit, issued to high escape risk offenders ended up on E-Bay.



**Louisiana-** An inmate has been prohibited from donating a kidney to a woman he read about in the newspaper because of the expense of guarding him in the hospital.



**Iowa-** Inmates are butchering donated venison for their consumption and for distribution to the needy of the state.



# New Appointment

Commissioner Lantz recently appointed Director Sandra Sawicki as the Department of Correction Ethics Liaison Officer. As Ethics Liaison Officer she will be responsible for coordinating appropriate training programs, monitoring agency policies relevant to ethics compliance, and will serve as a resource for ethics guidance and advice. Director Sawicki is the liaison to the State Ethics Commission to screen and refer issues to the Commission. Director Sawicki's role will serve as an informational resource and counselor for our staff.



Director Sandra Sawicki of MCTSD

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## Condolences



Director Robert Foltz and the staff of the Fiscal Services Unit is saddened to announce the passing of Kenneth R. Slater Sr., husband of Jane Slater, AFAO of the Purchasing/AP Support Unit.



Warden Choinski and the staff of Northern CI offer condolences to Secretary Nancy Leiper on the loss of her husband Al Leiper. He also is the father to Officer Chris Leiper of CRCI and Officer Daniel Leiper of MWCI and Brother in law Officer Matt Pioggia of Osborn CI.

## Did you know?

*Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Erich Kunst who can be reached at 860-692-7622. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.*



Part One of Two was in the December 19- January 1, 2005 edition of PRIDE at Work.

### Part Two of Two

Next you should visually check your engine cooling system hoses and the engine coolant level, more commonly referred to as "antifreeze". At the very least you should make sure that the antifreeze is up to the recommended "Normal" level. **WARNING:** The engine's antifreeze level should only be checked when the engine is cold and not running. The antifreeze becomes very hot and the cooling system pressurizes when the engine is running. **Removing the antifreeze recovery tank fill cap or the radiator cap can result in severe burns.** Before you check the antifreeze level, first make sure that your vehicle is parked on a flat and level surface, otherwise you will not obtain accurate information. Check the antifreeze level by looking at the antifreeze recovery tank and view the antifreeze level. The antifreeze recovery tank is usually located near the front (grill side) or fender side of the engine compartment. The antifreeze level should be at or above the "Cold" level mark on the side of the tank. However, if the antifreeze recovery tank is empty, you will need to first check the antifreeze level in the engine radiator.

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## Calendar

**January 21** - The staff of the New Haven CC will host a Corporate Mixer on Saturday January 21st at Club Ice. DJ Todd McFadden will be spinning the best in Old School and New School Jams. Club Ice, which is located at 169 East Street, offers two floors of dancing and a VIP area. Dress to Impress - No Jeans, Sneakers or Baseball Caps. The party is from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. General Admission is \$10. Ladies who arrive before 11:00 p.m. will only have to pay \$5.

**February 3** - "Making Women Visible," a symposium on women's issues, will be held at the State Capitol beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1A. For additional information you may call the PCSW at 860.240.830 or e-mail at [pcsw@cga.ct.gov](mailto:pcsw@cga.ct.gov). You may also visit their website at: [www.cga.ct.gov.PCSW/](http://www.cga.ct.gov.PCSW/).

# Pomp and Circumstance

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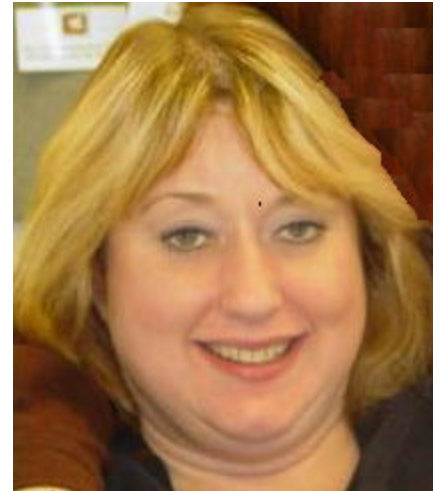
Lisa Jainchill, Addiction Services Counselor at MYI, has recently received her Certification as an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor (CADAC). This certification is very difficult to achieve, as it comes after many long hours of classes, case presentations, tests, and an oral interview. In addition to her certification, Ms. Jainchill is also a Licensed Addiction Services Counselor (LADC).

Counselor Jainchill started with the Department of Correction in June of 1997 at MYI. When asked about her job, Ms. Jainchill stated, "I love my job." She would like to eventually donate her time at clinics for those people who need addiction services but may not be able to afford it. Congratulations Lisa!



Breina Schain

Breina Schain, Secretary I, recently received her Master's Degree in Community Counseling from Western Connecticut State University in August. She has been with the Department of Correction for eleven years and has invested her energies at CCI, York CI, a year at DMHAS, and presently at MYI. Her goal is to continue within our agency, where new and exciting growth is taking place, to apply her newly acquired skills.



Lisa Jainchill

## Did you know? cont'd

The engine radiator is located at the front of the engine compartment, just in front of the engine and may have an electric cooling fan attached to it. **Again, you should heed the warning statement above.** Remove the radiator cap and make sure that the antifreeze level is right up to the top. If the level is below this point, add a 50/50 mixture of antifreeze and tap water. Do not add straight antifreeze concentrate. All antifreeze, unless it is noted on the container as "Pre-Mixed", is concentrated and needs to be diluted with water. Straight antifreeze will make your engine run hot and also does not ensure adequate freeze protection. Replace the radiator cap and then add your antifreeze mixture to the recovery tank to obtain the "Cold" level. It is important to note at this point that if the recovery tank is empty and the radiator is low on coolant, you probably have a leak in the cooling system. Seek out a trusted and reputable mechanic to check out your engine's cooling system to determine where the leak is and have the appropriate repairs made.

Finally, if your car is over 5-years old, you may want to have your trusted and reputable mechanic inspect all of the engine coolant hoses. A coolant hose failure can cause major engine damage and will surely spell the end of your well-deserved trip.

Now that you have this valuable information you can confidently check these two major vehicle components and greatly reduce your odds of a breakdown.



Supervised  
Population  
on Jan. 11,  
2005

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On Jan. 11, 2004 the population  
was 18,725.

Abruzzi, David	Rec Supv	WCB
Aldi, John	CS	McWCI
Andras, Kenneth	CO	CRCI
Atz, Kevin	CO	McWCI
Baker, Patrick	CO	ECI
Barone, Thomas	CS	WCB
Brosseau, Bryan	CO	CRCI
Camp, George	CC	McWCI
Cruz, Velinda,	CO	ECI
Daniel, Joseph	CO	ECI
Debarros, Peter	CO	McWCI
DeMaria, Robert	Lt	ECI
Dery, Scott	CO	McWCI
Dickenson, Lee	CO	ECI
Evelich, Brian	Capt	MYI
Fisher, Michael	Lt	McWCI
Garcia, Edwardo	CO	McWCI
Garcia, Jose	CO	McWCI
Haskins, Rene	CTO	McWCI
Hernandez, Edward	CO	McWCI
Hightower, Keith	Capt	McWCI
Howes, Michael	CO	McWCI
Johnson, Andrew	Lt	McWCI
Kuzia, Kevin	CO	ECI
Lapointe, James	CO	McWCI
Leske, Daniel	CO	McWCI
Loos, Scott	CO	McWCI
Lopez, Joseph	CO	McWCI
Montagna, Brian	CO	ECI
Morales, Bienvenido	CO	McWCI
Nichols, Michael	CO	McWCI
Pertillar, Landry	CO	McWCI
Reardon, Arthur	CO	McWCI
Righenzi, Jayson	CO	McWCI
Rodriguez, Jared	CO	McWCI
Santana, Jose A.	CO	ECI
Schain, Breina	Sec	
Simpkiss, Michael	CO	McWCI
Stevens, Gregory	CO	ECI
Sturgeon, Jeffrey	Lt	ECI
Taylor, Russell	CO	McWCI
Toney, Sylvester	CO	McWCI
Wellengerger, Robert	CO	McWCI
Wiggins, Donald	CO	McWCI
Williams, Christopher	CO	McWCI
Willis, Robert	CO	McWCI
Zacacynski, Ronald	CO	ECI

On December 23, 2004, Warden Dzurenda and 14 staff from Webster CI along with Ed Ramsey from Central Office went to the Children's Home in Cromwell CT. During their visit, staff members donated \$750.00 to the Center.

The Children's Home is a full service Christian Treatment Center providing residential treatment, special education and outpatient therapy services for struggling children and their families. The home was founded in 1900 by Christians to serve needy and orphaned youngsters ages 8 to 18. The Center sits on 54



acres of land and houses 120 children. The Home provides room & board, counseling, and education, as well as other necessities such as clothes, furniture, and activities, which are provided through outside sources.

The Children's Center is presently looking for volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The center is located at 60 Hicksville Road, Cromwell, CT 06416. They can be reached at 860-635-6010 or via their website at [www.childhome.org](http://www.childhome.org).

## Staff Recognition

Counselor Herb Furhman of the Garner Correctional Institution was recently awarded the Secretary of the State 2004 Public Service Award for his service as a volunteer with the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department. The Secretary of the State Public Service Awards program is designed to recognize and thank those individuals who contribute their time and skills to their community to make our cities and towns such great places to live. This year, they honored all volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters devote their free time to very hazardous and life threatening conditions. Their commitment to public service - without pay, without applause, and without personal advancement, is a precious gift to their fellow citizens. It is important to take the time to thank them for their contribution to our communities and to the State of Connecticut. Counselor Furhman has been with the agency for over thirteen years. Congratulations on your notable recognition.